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Exeter Fire District

(July 10, 2014)

Call to Order

Chairman Scott Kettelle called the July 10th meeting of the Exeter Fire District to order at 7:03pm. Commissioners Scott Kettelle, Patricia Whitford, Charles Franklin, Andrew Slater, Larry Aker and Bill Nievera were present. District treasurer Pauline MacDonald as well as solicitor Peter Ruggiero were also present. There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. MacDonald reported that due to a computer malfunction she was unable to furnish a treasurer's report. She plans to have the report for the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Aker moved (Ms. Whitford second) accepting the minutes of the 06/12 and 06/26 meetings. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera then moved (Mr. Aker second) accepting the minutes of the 06/19 meeting. That motion also carried unanimously. Mr. Nievera will

re-circulate the approved minutes and file them with the Secty. of State at his earliest convenience.

Communications

Mr. Nievera reported that all operational mail has been given to the treasurer for her action. He also reported having received mail in the EMS services PO Box.

Old Business

Mr. Kettelle reviewed the list of responsibilities for the EMS division start-up.

Mr. Ruggiero suggested obtaining a set of labor law posters for the office and rescue bldg. Mr. Nievera will see to that at his convenience.

Mr. Nievera presented 3 invoices for septic tank pumping for the rescue bldg. Mr. Aker moved (Ms. Whitford second) authorizing the payment of these invoices after confirming with Ms. Caito that they are, in fact, still outstanding. The motion carried unanimously.

After viewing the planned signage for the rescue bldg. Mr. Nievera moved (Mr. Aker second) authorizing the sum of \$1,955.04 to change the bldg. sign and lettering on the rescue vehicles. That motion also carried unanimously.

Our 90 day EMS license has been approved by the state and all insurance issues have been addressed.

Our legislation was passed by the legislature on 06/30 and signed by the Governor.

R-1 and R-3 have been inspected and registered (as fire apparatus) by the state. R-2 remains to be owned by the previous Rescue Corps and will remain so until the loan closing. All 3 vehicles are in service and operational.

Mr. Nievera needs to know who needs keys to the EMS PO Box and how the mail will be handled. He also needs a list of authorized recipients for the USPS.

Mr. Kettelle reported that the operation of the EMS services division went smoothly last week. "Everyone seems to work well together." Mr. Kettelle suggested reviewing the operation after one month, then making any necessary adjustments. Mr. Aker suggested the EMS chief give a monthly report for the first 6 months.

There was a short discussion concerning the mailing of the new tax bills. Mr. Nievera stated that penalty was generally not applied for the month of August due to the lateness of the mailings. Ms. Whitford wished to go on record as being against any extension to a resident that is late with their Q1 payment. She feels that we have no legal right to do so.

Mr. Nievera read the report of the collector noting that she has received the town tax roll and is in the process of making her corrections to minimize the number of returned tax bills.

New Business

Mr. Nievera reviewed the process whereby the bills would be calculated and printed. When asked he estimated that the bills could be in the mail between the 19th and 25th of July. Our files must be

adapted by two other organizations, (over which we have no control).

Chief Chamberlain expounded on the challenges of the search for a 76yo male that went missing last week.

Mr. Franklin reported that the rep from VFIS visited the dispatch center and the tower site on Escoheag Hill Rd. looking for proper equipment grounding. When told that the spikes came from the power grid, he indicated that VFIS may be able to seek relief from Narragansett Electric.

Mr. Ruggiero reported that he feels the fire district will, most likely, have to file a financial report with the state under the new guidelines for fire districts.

Mr. Kettelle stated that the fire district will need to have a board member to act as a “purchasing agent” to ensure proper guidelines are being followed.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Exeter Fire District Board of Commissioners will be held on August 7th 2014. The meeting will be held in the meeting room of EVFC #2 at 366 Nooseneck Hill Rd. and will begin at 7:00pm.

Adjournment

Mr. Aker moved (Mr. Nievera second) adjournment at 7:46pm. The

motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Nievera, Clerk

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